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Notable ant records from Glen Strathfarrar, East Inverness

Glen Strathfarrar National Nature Reserve (2189 hectares) occupies the lower part of Glen Strathfarrar, East Inverness (VC 96). The heavily glaciated valley has steep slopes where relatively extensive tracts of Caledonian pine forest, and birch woodlands have survived. In the valley bottom, the tree cover, in combination with free draining fluvio-glacial deposits, have created ideal conditions for a number of ant species.

Mixed nests of *Formica lemani* and *Formica sanguinea* were seen in many areas where there was sandy and stony ground adjacent to trees. Glen Strathfarrar provides the beginnings of the link between the populations of *F. sanguinea* to the north at Migdale Wood (Hughes, 1994), and those in Glen Affric to the south. It is possible that *F. sanguinea* survives in other fragments of ancient birchwoods in the Glens of East Inverness and East Ross although I am yet to find any colonies. *Myrmica sabuleti*, *M. lobicornis*, and *Lasius flavus*, *Lasius niger* agg. were all frequent amongst similar habitat along the valley bottom.

In addition, the woodlands along the first six miles of the Glen support a thriving population of *F. aquilonia* which, with the woodland management initiatives developed by Scottish Natural Heritage, are set to fare well in the coming decades.

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Pontia daplidice (Lep.: Pieridae) in Kent, *Argynnis lathonia* (Lep.: Nymphalidae) in Gloucestershire, and some other 1996 migrant records

Ever since childhood I have been scanning, without success, *Buddleia* bushes for something a bit rarer than the usual vanessid or pierid. It is therefore with a slight degree of chagrin that I have to report that it was my father, Dr Albert Woiwod, rather than myself, who was fortunate enough to see a Bath White *Pontia daplidice* L. in such circumstances. It was in his